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G-77 PROPOSALS

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1. WE AGREE WITH US DEL'S COMMENTS AND APPROACH IN PARA 3

OF REFTEL. AS WAS ANTICIPATED IN PREPARATION FOR IGG,

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SUBJECTS WHICH TOUCH UPON LEAST DEVELOPED CAN PRACTICABLY

ONLY BE EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED IN IGG. SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS ARE ONLY POSSIBLE IN APPROPRIATE FORA WHERE THEY ARE DEALT WITH IN THEIR BROAD CONTEXTS. US IS UNABLE TO COMMIT ITSELF IN IGG CONTEXT BEYOND POSITIONS ALREADY ESTABLISHED ELSEWHERE. US CAN AGREE TO CONSIDER IN APPROPRIATE FORA PROPOSALS WHICH ARE NOT CLEARLY IN OPPOSITION TO CURRENT US POSITIONS. US DEL MAY INDICATE THAT WE REMAIN FLEXIBLE ON A NUMBER OF THE ISSUES RAISED.

2. AS EXAMPLES OF AREAS WHERE THE US IS FLEXIBLE, US DEL MAY POINT OUT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS OECD SPEECH ENDORSED REVIEW OF MECHANISMS FOR THE STABILIZATION OF LDC EXPORT EARNINGS, NOTABLY THAT OF THE IMF. WE ARE PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING A DRAFT INSTRUMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT IN THE OECD WHICH COULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR

FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO LDCS. US IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SEEKING NEW WAYS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS MAY BE USEFUL IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RESOLUTION. OBJECTIVES IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SECTION ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. US DEL MAY ACCEPT PARA D3 WITH ADDITION OF "TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE" AFTER "TO PROVIDE"; PARA D4 WITH DELETION OF WORDS "THE NECESSARY"; AND D5 AND 6 IF LANGUAGE CHANGED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: TO PROVIDE, AS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE SUPPLIER AND RECIPIENT PARTIES, PATENTED AND NON-PATENTED TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES. ON PARA E2, US DOES SUPPORT PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN DEVELOPING THEIR MERCHANT FLEETS. ON PARA G, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN EXPERT GROUPS TO DEAL WITH WELL DEFINED PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED FOR WHICH THERE HAD BEEN ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND LEAD TIME.

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4. RE RESOLUTION ON ADDITION OF FOUR COUNTRIES TO LEAST DEVELOPED LIST, US DEL SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT BASIS OF OUR SUPPORT IS CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY CARRIED OUT BY CDP AND THAT FUTURE ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE LIST SHOULD OCCUR ONLY AFTER SIMILAR CAREFUL SCRUTINY. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE SESSIONS OF IGG, WE OPPOSE MAKING IT A PERMANENT BODY. HOWEVER, IF THE IGG CHOSE TO RECOMMEND TO THE TDB THAT THESE ISSUES

BE REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE FORA FOR CONSIDERATION, WE
COULD SEE A VALUE IN THE IGG'S MEETING IN TWO YEARS TIME
TO ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF THE WORK IN THOSE FORA AS THEY
AFFECTED THE LEAST DEVELOPED. KISSINGER

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